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FORT TEJON STATE HISTORIC PARK, CALIFORNIA - California State Parks will again present a unique living history experience at Fort Tejon State Historic Park. The **FORT TEJON REENACTMENTS** will offer the visitor a unique opportunity to *Take a Step Back in Time* and experience Interpretive Living History Demonstrations of 1850s California.

The Event: **FORT TEJON *LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM***

When: Sunday, February 2, 2003

Where: At **FORT TEJON STATE HISTORIC PARK.**

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Come and take a step back in time and see California as it was in 1856. At Fort Tejon State Historic Park visitors can witness life at this U.S. Army post of the far west. Fort Tejon was a crossroads of California's many cultures and diverse ideas of the 1850s.

Visitors are invited to view the living history demonstrations of everyday life of the common soldier and civilian men, women and children at this mountain outpost.

Some of the living history demonstrations depicted at this western outpost of the U.S. Army in 1856 are:

<i>1850s Army Barracks Life</i>	<i>Officer's Quarters Living</i>
<i>Blacksmith</i>	<i>Weapons Demonstrations</i>
<i>Artillery Drill</i>	<i>Adobe Brick-making</i>
<i>Open Hearth Cooking</i>	<i>Needle Craft</i>
<i>Laundry</i>	<i>Military Drill</i>
<i>Carpentry Shop</i>	

FORT TEJON STATE HISTORIC PARK is located on Interstate 5, just north of Lebec, about 36 miles south of Bakersfield and 77 miles north of Los Angeles. Park admission fees are \$5.00 Adults, \$3.00 Children (6-12 yrs.) and Children under 6 are free. A picnic lunch is recommended, as the Park has no food concessions. *Bring a picnic lunch and relax under the magnificent Valley Oaks at the old post.*

Presented by the California Department of Parks & Recreation
and the Volunteers of Fort Tejon State Historic Park.

Fort Tejon SHP, Making History Come Alive.